## **Georgia Board of Nursing**

## **Policy and Procedure**

Policy Number 1.16

Policy Name Temporary Permits Issued During Public Health State of Emergency

Date of Origin March 2020

Pursuant to the authority in O.C.G.A. T. 43, Ch. 26 and consistent with the Governor's Executive Order for a State of Emergency, the Georgia Board of Nursing authorizes staff to assess applications for temporary permits and to issue temporary permits to licensed practical nurses, registered nurses and advanced practice registered nurses who have an active, unencumbered license in any other U.S. jurisdiction who are entering into the state to respond to the declared emergency. An unencumbered license means a license that is not currently on probation, monitoring, suspension, and/or does not have any other type of limitation including current participation in an alternative to discipline program.

The Board is hereby waiving any application fee for the temporary permit during the State of Emergency for those applying to practice for the purpose of responding to the declared emergency.

The temporary permit is valid for thirty (30) days. The Board may extend the expiration date of the temporary permit.

This policy is effective while a state of emergency, as declared by the Governor, exists in any Georgia county or until rescinded by the Board, whichever occurs first.

This policy does not impact any provisions or privileges established by the Nurse Licensure Compact as provided in O.C.G.A. § 43-26-61, Article IV.